Claims

- 1. 39. (Canceled)
- 40. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying an agent that decreases pathogenicity of a <u>retrovirus</u>pathogen, the method comprising:

contacting a test agent with a Rab11A target_gene product; and determining whether the test agent decreases Rab11A enzymatic activity, wherein a decrease in Rab11A enzymatic activity, indicates the agent decreases pathogenicity of the pathogen_retrovirus.

- 41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 40, wherein the <u>retrovirus pathogen</u> is a <u>retrovirus pathogen</u> that hijacks a lipid raft.
- 42. -47. (Canceled)
- 48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4540, wherein the virus-retrovirus comprises human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1), human immunodeficiency virus type-2 (HIV-2); equine infectious anemia virus; feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV); feline leukemia viruses (FeLV); simian immunodeficiency virus; or avian sarcoma virusan enveloped RNA virus.

Claims 49. - 59. (Canceled)

- 60. (New) The method of claim 48, wherein the retrovirus is HIV-1 or HIV-2.
- 61. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the Rab11A gene product in a cell and the cell is contacted with the test agent.